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In re Patent No. 7,865,197	:	DECISION ON APPLICATION FOR
Issued: January 4, 2011	:	PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Application No. 10/576,474	:	
Filing or 371(c) Date: April 20, 2006	:	
Dkt. No.: PS02 0184WO1	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed March 4, 2011, which is being treated as a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d) requesting that the patent term adjustment indicated on the above-identified patent be corrected to indicate that the term of the above-identified patent is extended or adjusted by 1059 days.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Patentees dispute the period of time excluded from B delay for appellate review. Patentee's argument has been considered, but not found persuasive. The period consumed by appellate review, whether successful or not, is excluded from the calculation of B delay. See, 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B)(ii). An appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences commences with the filing of a notice of appeal. See, 35 U.S.C. 134(a). Generally, an appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ends with either 1) a Board decision, 2) the examiner reopening prosecution and issuing another Office action, or 3) the applicant filing a request to withdraw the appeal and reopen prosecution (e.g. the filing of a request for continued examination). In this instance the 143 day period consumed by appellate review began on January 25, 2010, the date of filing of the notice of appeal, and ended on June 16, 2010, the mailing date of the non-final Office action. Thus, the adjustment accorded for B delay will not be increased.

It is noted that the Office issued a Notice of proposed rulemaking entitled Revision of Patent Term Extension and Adjustment Provisions Relating to Appellate Review and Information Disclosure Statements, 76 FR 18990 (April 6, 2011). To the extent that the final rule on Revision of Patent Term Extension and Adjustment Provisions Relating to Appellate Review revises the interpretation of appellate review applied in this decision, Patentees are given **one (1) month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, from the date of the final rule to file a request for reconsideration. No extensions of time will be granted under § 1.136.

Nothing in this decision shall be construed as a waiver of the requirement of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4) that any civil action by an applicant dissatisfied with a determination made by the Director under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3) be filed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia within 180 days after the grant of the patent.

The Office acknowledges submission of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e). No additional fees are required.

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